

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 1-4 and 20-26.

The Examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Greenspan (US Patent 5,459,702), Rindfuss (US Patent 8,841,387) and Mital (US Patent 5,664,228). Claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 1 whereby Applicant submits that claim 5 is allowable and that claims 6-8 are further allowable as depending from claim 5.

The Examiner rejected claims 9-13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda (US Patent 5,008,854), Yokozawa (US Patent 4,534,012), Greenspan and Mital. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 2 whereby Applicant submits that claim 9 is allowable and that claims 10-12 are allowable as depending from claim 9. Claim 13 has been canceled.


The Examiner rejected claims 14-19 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maeda, Yokozawa, Greenspan and Mital in further view of Vanden Heuvel (US Patent 5,281,962). Claim 14 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 2 whereby Applicant submits that claim 14 is allowable and that claims 15-19 are allowable as depending from claim 14.

Applicant has added new dependent claim 27 which is the same as claim 14 except it depends from allowed claim 1, whereby Applicant submits that claim 27 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal notice of allowability for the claims. Please call the undersigned attorney if any questions remain after this amendment.

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